

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

Greetings and all those good things; hope all is well after this long week-end. I believe it went well here, wasn't called out for any fires or auto accidents that I am aware of. Course, I am not at home very much of the time either.

Anyway, been reading the paper about people going hungry, this is sad in our country. Years ago I don't think there was hunger. Seems that during the Great Depression people didn't go hungry, the neighbors took care of each other.

I can remember when people would come to the door for whatever reason. The first thing Grandma would say after greeting them was, "Are you hungry?" Didn't seem to make a difference what the company said, they were fed anyway.

The men would do a lot of hunting. The deer were scarce, there were no elk but they would get a deer and all would share in the meat. Those who couldn't hunt were fed. The community shared most everything, all would help each other.

I can remember the barn building and house moving. All the neighbors would gather to help. The women would have a big what is called a potluck today but to us kids it was a Christmas dinner. It's sad to see these virtues disappear.

Everyone knew everybody, there were no strangers and most of the doors were never locked. I think the only negative memories I have are of "chittum peeling."

Some of the farmers became quite irritated when they would find trees that had been peeled. On the other hand, most of the money from the chittum was used for food which, as was said above, everyone was welcome to eat.

Sometimes, to us young ones, that was not to our advantage. The elders and the preacher always ate first and they didn't seem to remember we were sitting on the floor waiting for them to get through. They would tell stories, joke and nibble.

By the time they were done eating and telling all the truths according to the speaker, there was not much left. Not that we would go hungry but we wouldn't get as much chicken, sausage, beef or meat as we would like to have or at least thought we should have.

The real point is that no one in the community went hungry. The able-bodied men and the wonderful women cooks saw to that. Maybe the food wasn't as fancy as it is today, nothing was pre-prepared, nothing in little frozen containers. Didn't have freezers or even electricity for that matter.

Some raised beef and hogs, but they were to be sold for the most part. I suppose if somebody had to have it, they probably would have eaten it instead of selling. I don't know.

I know I ate a lot of venison, as did everyone in the upper farm area of the Siletz River and Rock Creek. Today, I do not know more than two families on the upper farm. Don't even know the people who bought my Grandpa's place.

TLC Attitudes of Gratitude

by Lynn Whitlow

Some might wonder how much can be said about gratitude and why would we want to stress its practice over and over and over. An answer is that life is definitely better if we can keep an attitude of gratitude on a daily basis.

When we can be thankful for events, people and situations in our everyday lives, we keep the focus on the positive. Being grateful takes the focus off of self and problems. It does change attitude for the better and makes others want to be around us. Who wants to hang out with a pessimist, someone who can only see the gloomier part of a situation?

Some of us have friends or family members who resemble this description. We can only spend so much time with those folks, no matter how much we love them, without trying to cheer them up or making excuses about where else we have to be.

Expressing gratitude to someone, for what they have done or how they are, usually makes them feel good and passes on the attitude of gratitude.

There is gratitude from TLC residents for the gift of a like-new television with DVD player from Susan and John Painter of Newport. Also thankfulness to Denis Bosque and Spencer Hatch for helping me get the TV from Newport to the TLC. Plugged it into the satellite dish – lovely picture!

Gratitude too to the Tribal Incentive Committee for accepting the TLC nomination of special recognition for George Nagel for all he does on his own time for the TLC. We truly do appreciate you, George!

Veterans Can Get Help with Employment

John Farrar of the Oregon Employment Department Veterans Outreach Program will be at the Tribal administration building to assist any veteran who is looking for employment.

He comes once a month and will see any vet who wants to drop in or call for an appointment. He is at the admin building every second Thursday of the month from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Farrar's summer schedule is as follows:

Aug. 14: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 11: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you want to make an appointment with Farrar for any of those dates, please call him at 541-265-8891, ext. 333, or just drop in during any of those dates.

If you have any other questions, contact Mark Pullam at 541-444-8221 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1221.

We feel gratitude every month for our overnight volunteers – women who sleep over at the TLC – a securing presence at night. Thank you, Alice McCain, Lisa Brown, and Denise Riding In!

Other gratitude's expressed by TLC residents this past month include: I am grateful to have a good sponsor who helps me go through my steps every Monday! I am grateful for friends and my daughter's love. I am grateful I have a supportive family. I'm grateful to have a sunny day today!

Grateful for: My health. Summer. To be home! Being alive. Food and Pepsi. For my son. For myself! The roof over my head. Open mindedness! Sisters in recovery. For transportation to the meetings! For another day. Lynn, for all the transports she does. To give service work in NA.

May you take time to look around you and find your gratitudes. Make your days more positive by adopting an "Attitude of Gratitude!"



Christeen Fischer and her daughter, Violet Nevea Fischer, enjoy the open house at the new Portland Area Office in July. The new building is located at 12790 SE Stark, Suite 102. The phone number remains the same – 503-238-1512. All of the area offices (Eugene, Salem and Portland) now are located in Tribally owned buildings and each has rented out office or warehouse space to other businesses.

2008-2009 Hunting and Fishing Tags

The Natural Resources Committee has set and the Tribal Council has approved the following as the schedule and methods for distribution of this year's hunting and fishing tags to Tribal members:

Type of Tag	Estimated Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
Deer Early Archery	50	8/30-9/28	8/2 at 1 p.m. at General Council Mtg.	First-Come, First-Served*
Elk Early Archery	25	8/30-9/28	8/2 at 1 p.m. at General Council Mtg.	First Come, First-Served*
General Deer Rifle	375	10/4-11/7	8/11	First-Come, First-Served
Antlerless Deer: For conservation purposes, due to the severely declining deer population, these tags will not be issued in 2008				
1 st Season Elk	25	11/15-11/18	Lottery applications due 10/3; drawing 10/13; tags issued 10/20	Lottery
2 nd Season Elk	25	11/22-11/28	Lottery applications due 10/3; drawing 10/13; tags issued 10/20	Lottery
Antlerless Elk	49 (est.)	Various Seasons	Lottery applications due 10/3; drawing 10/13; tags issued 10/20	Lottery
Elk Late Archery	25 minus # of first-season tags filled	11/29-12/14	10/27	First-Come, First-Served, Waiting List from Early Hunts
Deer Late Archery	50 minus # of first-season tags filled	11/22-12/14	10/27	First-Come, First-Served
Salmon	200 (est.)	10/1-11/30	8/11	First-Come, First-Served

* No early calls to "save" a tag for someone. You must physically show up to obtain tag. A waiting list will be developed for the late-season hunt if all early-season tags are issued.

Questions regarding the above schedule and distribution methods can be directed to Frank Simmons at 541-444-8288 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1288; or Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.